

Remarks

In the Office Action, the Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement between Group I drawn to a very high repetition rate gas discharge laser system ... comprising a master oscillator and at least two power amplification systems classified in Class 372, subclass 30 (claims 1-36 and 103-126), Group II drawn to a very high repetition rate gas discharge laser system ... comprising a first and second line narrowed laser systems and a combiner classified in Class 372, subclass 25 (claims 37-54 and 127-129) and Group III drawn to a very high repetition rate gas discharge laser system ... comprising a compression head, gas discharge chamber and at least two magnetically saturated switches classified in Class 372, subclass 38.02 (claims 55-102 and 130-138).

In this response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, (claims 1-36 and 103-126), without traverse, for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 37-102 and 127-138 are hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. In addition, claims 111 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error.

Due to the cancellation of claims 37-102 and 127-138, Attorney for Applicants hereby requests correction of inventorship under 37CFR1.48(b) to delete the following inventors from the above captioned application:

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The processing fee set forth in 37CFR1.17(i) is enclosed herewith.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-36 and 103-126 are patentable for the reasons set forth above, and that the application is now in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (858) 385-5298 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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